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1. The Northeast Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party has established a Chihpu (支部) (branch office) in each village in Dairen Hsien. The organization of these branch offices is similar to that of the Ch'ufenbu (區分部) (Party district sub-bureau) of the Kuomintang. Each branch office has a secretariat and organization, training and propaganda sections. There are five commissars in each branch office, four of whom normally head the three sections and the secretariat. The fifth commissar, known as the Secretary, heads the branch office and is normally assigned by the Dairen Hsien Party Committee. The other four commissars are usually local people. The Secretary is the only commissar with actual authority. The Secretary receives instructions from the Northeast Bureau and gives orders to the other four commissars, approves and signs all orders connected with the functions of the three sections before these orders are executed and examines new members of the CCP before they are accepted as "probationary" members. (See [redacted])
2. The majority of the members of the branch offices are young local farmers who are not well-educated. Many of these members have received only a brief three months' training course.

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